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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECTION

THE EASTER AFTERMATH

Nearly all the reports concerning Easter showed larger audiences than ever before, likewise larger offerings as well as many accessions. We have quite a number of news items that read so much alike that we find it best to bunch them in the good bit of news that Easter was one of the best in many years, giving encouragement to pastors and church officials. Out of the number that have spoken of their accessions we recall the following: Pilgrim, Oakland, 20; Weaverville, 14; Antioch, 12; Sebastapool, 9; Richmond, 8; Broadmoor, 8; Santa Cruz, 14; Salida, 11; Ceres, 11.

FELLOWSHIP BUILDING FUND

Printed circulars and pledge cards have gone forth to every pastor of our conference inviting subscriptions to this fund at a very early date. We are depending upon the ministers to organize some effective method, locally, to secure subscriptions ranging from $2 to $100 a call for not over two calls a year for the next two years. We wish these cards returned at a very early date. Pressure of office work delayed the issue of first call for funds. This will not be able to present it in time for the first call for funds. This will not prevent our following the matter through until we have record of the attitude of our churches toward this most useful method of securing a "First Bills Fund." Prompt response as to co-operation will save us the necessity of "follow-up" letters. The churches that have to delay in setting up the campaign will not be overlooked in the appeal we will make for Broadmoor. Broadmoor comes first. We will make the call as of May 15. This church needs the money that it may break ground at once. If you cannot get the pledges now give us the assurance that we may expect a good Fellowship list from your loyal workers. Send all communications to the superintendent, William J. Minchin, 421 Phelan Building, San Francisco. If you do not get the literature, ask your pastor for it or write to the office for a supply.

OUR BENEVOLENCE RECEIPTS

The reports will reveal the very encouraging showing of the first four months of the calendar year. We are nearly $1,000 ahead of the same period last year and better than at any other given period. These receipts, good as they are, fall short of our expectations. In order to keep faith with the national societies, we should make a still better showing. Anything less than the 10 per cent gain we are making will mean hardship for the local work; anything above our present receipts will enable us to approach the 50-50 basis we make as our goal. In other words we are just about holding our own on a 52 per cent division of receipts, taking over all our local work but the German churches. Let us strive to keep our receipts paid in full as far as money is in the local treasuries. If possible let us all strive to make the 50-50 division.

DR. HAWKINS AT FIRST SAN FRANCISCO

On invitation of the committee to secure a pastor, Rev. Chauncey J. Hawkins of Seattle occupied the pulpit Sunday, April 24, and conferred with the different groups interested relative to the possibility of his accepting the pastorate. There seemed to be unanimous opinion that he was the ideal man of the hour. Great satisfaction is felt by all in news just received from Dr. Hawkins that he has decided to accept a call. The conference office will be most happy to welcome to active work in this strategic port so loyal a friend and capable a preacher and executive. First Church audience have been maintaining a high average in attendance and personnel. The officials of the church are in fine fettle over the conditions of affairs and the outlook for the future gives promise of continued leadership of high order in down-town San Francisco.

GET-TOGETHER HEADQUARTERS

On the 1st of May the Presbyterians opened their new office building at 228 McAllister St., and at the same time the Baptist headquarters moved to the same building, as well as the City Federation offices. We were invited to join the forces but could not see our way clear to make the change at this time, nor was the space offered adequate to our needs. We are quite crowded as we are in the Phelan Building and prefer the down-town location. On April 22, both Presbyterian and Baptist officials held open house. There were a great many in attendance and there seemed to be general approval of the get-together movement.

MISSIONARIES RETURNING

We have had word from the American Board offices in Boston concerning the early arrival in San Francisco of other missionaries, since our last report in The Pacific.

The next to arrive will be on the President McKinley, due in San Francisco May 19, which brings to us Rev. and Mrs. Robert Bartlett and their two children. We hear that Mr. Bartlett has some brand new colored slides with him and several lectures. We are hoping that he will be able to stop here long enough to give us all a peek before he goes on to the East.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul R. Reynolds are aiso scheduled to arrive on this steamer, coming back from the Fenchow Station. Mr. Reynolds has been requested by the American Board to be present at the Omaha meeting of the National Council, so we may have a chance to see them here for a few days before they have to start east.

On July 14, the President Taft is bringing to us Rev. and Mrs. Dean R. Wickes of North China, with their three children. These missionaries have had to leave China on account of disturbed conditions, and are now in Korea. It is barely possible that they may be able to get an earlier steamer.

DR. GORDON TO LECTURE

Within a few weeks Dr. Gordon starts on an extended lecture tour with the Chautauquas, under Redpath direction. He begins in Georgia and covers a number of states in about 100 lectures scheduled. He will have great audiences and the audiences will get new courage because of his wholesome messages and his winsome personality. Fortunately he will come back to San Francisco as he delights to call it his home. A host of friends will greet him on his return.

A CRADLE ROLL PARTY

The Cradle Roll secretary of the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California had the pleasure of attending her first Cradle Roll party, Saturday, April 23, at the First Church, San Francisco. Her little daughter, Harriet, accompanied her.

In response to invitations sent out by Mrs. George Maynard, a number of children, mothers and grandmothers, came to the church parlors where they were welcomed by the hostess and each child selected a bright-colored paper cap to wear during the party.

Under the leadership of Miss Virginia Newton many games were played most happily, followed by a program of stories, songs and recitations. Following a march around the room, the children assembled at the low table, beautiful with wild flowers and tiny baskets of wee Easter eggs, both baskets and candies matching the colors of the paper caps. Ice cream and lady fingers were served to everyone present.

The Cradle Roll of the First Church has been organized twelve years or more and is a real "Missionary Cradle Roll," as it is not auxiliary to the Sunday School but to the Missionary Society. The little children are enrolled by their mothers or grandmothers and are kept on the roll until they are twelve years old. They are given barrels, and each year at the annual party the barrels are opened, and the offering goes to benevolent work in some field. The present chairman, Mrs. Maynard, has served for ten years. The preceding chairman, Mrs. Lindquist, who was also the first chairman, was present at this meeting with two of her children who are on the Cradle Roll. —MRS. E. B. KIENTZ.

NATIONAL COUNCIL DELEGATES

Rev. Harley H. Gill, D.D.
Rev. Herman F. Swartz, D.D.
Rev. O. W. S. McCall, D.D.
Mrs. Herman F. Swartz.
Mrs. W. W. Ferrier.
Rev. Lewis A. Stark, D.D.
Rev. Harvey V. Miller.
Rev. M. G. Papazian.
Rev. Charles L. Kloss, D.D.
Rev. William J. Minchin, D.D.
Rev. Hugh V. White.
Rev. Cornelius Richert.
Rev. Fred W. Morrison
Rev. W. E. Eckles

THE PALO ALTO MEETING

According to custom, the Spring Meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California was taken from its usual setting to another church of the Conference. On April 21 this was held in Palo Alto. The day was a typical California spring day — birds and flowers everywhere to add their welcome to that of our cordial hostesses. The attendance was large and Mrs. Swartz proved herself a wise presiding officer, putting her audience in a frame of mind that kept them alert from start to finish and created an atmosphere of expectancy that made for a most profitable meeting.

The first outstanding feature was the presence of every officer except one who was ill, of all the directors but four, and most of the advisory board, of many of the associational presidents, and of several of the commissioners. All of these in turn were presented to the meeting and their duties explained. Mrs. Ferrier's statement of what the Federation stood for, which followed, was one of the many good things in an excellent program. She drove home to us all the fact that now every organization belongs to the Federation, and every woman of every organization, also. We are an integral part of the Conference, and our obligation is to carry out the program of the Conference. The small, as well as the large, efforts are necessary in the success of the whole plan.

Another distinctive feature was the touch of loving respect paid to our substitutes abroad and at home. Mrs. Peck in the briefest possible time visualized eight of our valued overseas workers. As we were more or less familiar with most of them, we could follow each individual with our prayers and good wishes. Miss Perkins, however, took us far afield in our homeland, and introduced to us Mr. Nightingale of Crossville, Tennessee. A young man sent to a preaching station soon learned that a depressed community agriculturally could not rise to great heights spiritually. He proceeded to study their needs and decided that spraying apple trees was his opportunity. Notwithstanding the gibes of the know-it-alls he persisted, and was rewarded in time by their apples bringing the highest market prices. Then his attention was turned to poultry raising with equally good results. So gradually he brought about an all-round development.

Romance of Missions? Yes, seasoned with grit and grace, and a great deal of love for the "Christ of common folk."—MRS. J. P. PRUTZMAN.

ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

May 16-17—Sacramento Valley at Sacramento.

May 17-18—Central at Lodi.

May 18—Sonoma at Guerneville.

May 19—Santa Clara at Redwood City.

May 20—Bay at New Pilgrim, Oakland.

We are to have Dr. James L. Barton of the American Board office in Boston at these meetings, and expect to see a large delegation from each church.

DAY OF RECKONING

The Day of Reckoning, long promised, is at hand. During this last month we have carefully checked over the subscription list of The Pacific, and letters have gone to the pastors of the churches listing all subscribers whose expiration date comes during 1927. We are asking that each pastor appoint some one of his members a committee of one to collect and send in to us renewals on all these subscriptions. We would like to have some new subscribers also. But before our June issue comes out we would like to have every paper go out with an expiration date of 1928. Can it be done? With your co-operation, yes.

BOOK REVIEW

Christ Today, by Lucius Hatfield Bagbee. The argument of the little volume may be condensed into a paragraph which appears on page 37:

"He (Christ) offers the most satisfactory interpretation of the meaning of life that has ever been suggested. The background of it all is love and goodness which can be best interpreted by a father's feeling for his children. The universe in which we live is our Father's house, and life itself is a process of going to the Father. The goal of the process is the complete rule of the Father's will in the life of man."

Chapter V on The Modern Meaning of Sin and Savior is perhaps the most helpful part of the book. It touches a subject commonly overlooked in modern religious thought. Sin is a malignant inward malady. It also isolates man from the loving heart of the Father. Christ bridges the chasm. He brings us home to God.

MARTINEZ TO BUILD

After many months of delay this church has now cleared its decks for a great building movement. The proposed building has a most attractive and strategic location. The plans, drawn by Mr. Rollin Tuttle of Oakland, commanded the attention of the citizens of this town to the point of promised co-operation in getting the campaign across. On April 18, a large and representative body of church members and citizens gathered in Memorial Hall to launch the campaign for funds. Prominent city and county officials not only attended but gave spoken testimony of their faith in the project. When completed it will give us the best Congregational building in the Upper Bay Association. Rev. W. H. Hannaford is the pastor and Mr. Robert J. White is chairman of the building committee. Among the speakers present were Rev. Hugh V. White of Stockton and Superintendent Minchin.

Richmond, San Francisco — This church is making great advances under the leadership of Dr. William Rader and his assistant, Mr. Reginald Fulton. Mr. Fulton is a trained worker with young people as well as a willing assistant to the minister. He plans to conduct a Daily Vacation Bible School this summer as well as map out a strenuous program for the fall work of this church. On April 22 the Conference superintendent visited the church at the monthly supper and feared that he must have gone to the wrong place as he saw the line of automobiles lining the curbs as well as the full dining room, where in addition to a most bountiful meal those present enjoyed a very high grade entertainment. Not in many years have prospects been as bright for this church as at present.

Auburn—Rev. Harley H. Gill of Sacramento delivered the sermon at the Easter sunrise service on Aeolian Heights at Auburn.

Ceres—Of the eleven received into membership at Easter, seven came on Confession of Faith, including an entire family. Twenty have been received this year, through wise pastoral evangelism. At Easter, a choir of thirty voices sang "Hail to the Victor" to a crowded church, and they have been asked to repeat the service at Salida on May 1. The ladies recently gave a "Colonial Exhibit and Tea," showing antiques ten centuries old. The Christian Endeavor Society has laid out a tennis court, in the rear of the church, and it is proving a popular place for Ceres youths. Rev. George E. Atkinson, pastor.

Crockett—This church will have a Daily Vacation Bible School this year For several years it has succeeded with this type of work and knows how to organize effectively and carry forward enthusiastically a high grade program. Inasmuch as it is a federated work between Presybterians and Congregationalists we have shared responsibility and support. This year the finances clear through the Congregational office. Rev. Edmund Owens is pastor.

Etna Mills—A local paper speaks in the highest terms of the Easter services in the churches of Etna. Our work there is a federated work between the Congregational and Methodist churches now in the care of Rev. J. M. Lavender one of our ministers.

Fairfax—Rev. C. N. Thomas, who has been in charge of the work in Fairfax for the past year, has resigned. Mr. Eckles was with the church May 8.

Ferndale—The church at Ferndale, after a time with no pastor on the field, is taking new courage with the coming of Rev. and Mrs. A. P. Orth, who are on the ground and busy at work. This church also reports fine Easter audiences and a promising outlook for the future. On Sunday, April 24, Mr. Eckles of the Conference office brought the evening message.

Grass Valley — The Grass Valley Church, though confronted with "over'churched" and "Sunday family car" problems, manages to secure results. The beautiful cathedral organ installed two years ago is now completely paid for. Bills for extensive street paving have been met and the first $125 paid on the loan secured from the Building Society. The parsonage is to be thoroughly overhauled in the near future.

The pastor's wife personally organized and trained a boys' and girls' vested choir consisting of forty voices, the Sunday School providing the material and the Ladies' Sewing Circle making the surplices. The children created a sensation on Easter Sunday, rendering special song selections to capacity audiences. The pastor's skill was invoked bringing into play a system of flood lighting with tableau effects. The vested choirs will provide special programs for Mother's Day and Children's Day.

The pastor is organizing the vested children's choir into archery clubs as a partial reward for services rendered. Sets of archery have already arrived and the children are enthusiastic over them.

Eureka—One visiting Eureka for the first time would be impressed by its beautiful situation on Humboldt Bay, with timbered mountains in the distance. But if he were returning there after an absence covering a period of almost two decades, the would be still further impressed by the extensive growth of the city and by the attractive appearance of the many new buildings. Our church in Eureka, under the leadership of Rev. W. D. Ogg, seems to be keepng pace with these new developments. Large Easter audiences shared the excellent programs of the day with the regular attendants. Three adults were received into church membership on the Sunday following Easter. On Friday, April 22, the Humboldt Association met with this church. A good attendance and an inspiring meeting are reported. The Conference was represented by the assistant superintendent, who also preached the morning sermon on the Sunday following in the Eureka Church.

Loomis — The new parsonage at Loomis is nearing completion, much to the delight of Pastor Day and family.

Paradise—Rev. C. H. Dains closed his work as pastor of this church on the last Sunday of April, and has gone to Ripon, a former pastorate, where he will remain for the summer. The Paradise Church has extended a temporary call to Rev. E. P. Shier of Redding, who expects to take up the work the 1st of June.

Sacramento—Our church in Sacramento is in receipt of a wonderful oil painting of the Yosemite Valley, presented as a memorial to Dr. Joseph A. Benton, first pastor of the church, by the children of two of his brothers. The picture was painted by a niece of Dr. Benton, Miss May Benton. With the picture is a beautifully illuminated memorial inscription, together with two stanzas of Dr. Benton's famous hymn, "California Golden Sandaled."

A field day was recently held by the men of the church and special contributions for lawn and shrubbery were made, so that the building will be set off to advantage by beautiful surroundings. The work was done under direction of Mr. W. L. Stanley, who is a trained landscape gardener and a member of the church.

Salida—Believing that "cleanliness is next to Godliness," seven women from the Bethany Circle and two men of the church cleaned the church, even oiling all the floors in the building, during the week preceding Easter Sunday, and a decorating committee added an abundance of flowers.

The attendance at Sunday School on Easter Sunday was one more than their enrollment, 94. There were 80 at church service. Two babies were christened and eleven members received into the church, all on confession of faith. During the last ten months, since preaching services were resumed, 24 members have been received, the Sunday School has more than doubled its enrollment, and a Christian Endeavor Society of 35 members has been organized and is doing excellent work.

A new piano, a curtain for the choir platform, new tables in the primary room, and various small improvements have shown the pride of the church in its property. Mrs. Elmore gave a beautiful flag to the Christian Endeavor on Easter Sunday evening, which was received by the president with appropriate service.

First, San Francisco—The bulletin of this church shows an awakened interest in the Sunday School. The Y. P. S. C. E., always a strong society in this church, elicited from Dr. Hawkins a stirring compliment as to its vigor and efficiency. Judge Wilbur's class is still going strong under the leadership of Mrs. Minerva Swain, while the fascinating writer and speaker, Rheba Crawford, is supplying the pulpit for the first half of May. The memory of Dr. Gordon still lends inspiration to those who were under his masterful leadership.

Ocean View, San Francisco—Recent months have made many changes in this section of San Francisco. A new spirit has possessed the business men, which is reflecting itself in the church activities. We are fortunate to have, at the present time, a capable leader for our church in the person of Mr. Floyd Green, a student at the Pacific School of Religion. He will stay with the work during the vacation period giving more intensive leadership to the younger groups. Mrs. Green is likewise consecrated to this fine service. Ocean View considers itself happy in this arrangement.

CHILDREN'S DAY PROGRAMS

We have a small stock of the new programs for Children's Day, enough to furnish samples or limited stocks for belated orders. We urge immediate ordering lest the stock be exhausted.

A MISSION LIBRARY

The Conference office has fallen heir to the mission study books and reference books which were formerly in the American Board and Woman's Board offices. These, with the aid of the bulletins of our boards, should be of great benefit to people preparing special papers on mission themes.

Miss Lucy Crain, associate secretary of Missions in the A. M. A., has just returned from a trip to the work in Porto Rico. She says of her visit to Ryder Memorial Hospital: "While I was there the hospital was full. There were in four days two births, two deaths, one major two-hour operation (four more scheduled for the week when I left) and this does not begin to tell the story of the doctor's regular daily work." The hospital serves a large area among the people who are victims of many kinds of disease due to the climate plus their poverty and ignorance. Yet they are all "Americans."

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECTION

AVALON RETREAT

The fifteenth annual retreat and convocation at Avalon brought 73 ministers, nearly all pastors in active service, to the "Gem of the Ocean" for five days following Easter, April 18 to 22. As usual the generous people of Avalon provided free lodging. The Pacific Electric and the Wilmington Transportation Company gave special rates of $1.35 for the round trip, Los Angeles to Avalon, and choice friends provided free transportation from their homes for the home missionary pastors and a few others.

The retreat was declared to be "the best yet." The sun shone, the birds sang, the flowers bloomed, the ministers enjoyed to the full their "feast of reason and flow of soul." The convocation began on Monday night with an Easter cantata by the Avalon Church chorus and by addresses by the Rev. L. C. Watson, pastor at Avalon, and the Conference superintendent. The reports of Easter by the various pastors were altogether gratifying, but the time was too short to hear half of them.

On Tuesday morning Rev. F. B. Dyer conducted the meeting on Round Top on "Religious Education." The discussion revealed important changes in that field. On Tuesday evening, Rev. Clarence A. Neff gave an address on "China," and answered searching questions with clarity and good judgment.

On Wednesday morning the party was taken on the glass-bottom boat as guests of the Avalon Church for the ride, and of the Ladies' Aid for the appetizing lunch. Rev. E. D. Gaylord conducted the morning service on the hillside, followed by a discussion in which many participated, on "The Everyday Life of the Minister." On Wednesday evening in the church, Rev. H. K. Booth gave a remarkable address on "The Book of Books," and on Thursday morning continued the discussion on "The Book and Books," on the grand stand of the baseball grounds where the Chicago Cubs have their winter training. On Thursday night, President H. F. Swartz, always a welcome visitor and really one of the group, conducted the service, and on Friday morning the convocation closed with a discussion led by Rev. Lawrence Wilson on "The Minister's Overflow," or the wider contacts of the pastor through service groups, school addresses and so on.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE

The eighth annual Young People's Conference will be held at Pomona College, Claremont, June 25 to July 2. Posters and leaflets relating thereto will be sent out soon. The Conference begins with registration on Saturday afternoon, June 25, and closes with the noon meal on Saturday, July 2. The registration fee is $2.50; the charge for lodging and meals for seven days, $12.25. The girls will be housed in Harwood Court and the boys in the training quarters. Delegates who have finished the ninth grade, "leaders or potential leaders," should be carefully selected by the churches. The number of girls is limited to 150 and the boys to 100. The Conference Commission on Young People's Work, Rev. E. D. Gaylord, chairman, has selected the best available members for the faculty and counsellors.

41ST ANNUAL MEETING SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, REDLANDS

PROGRAM YOUNG PEOPLE'S SECTION
Theme: "World Brotherhood"

Saturday, May 7

3 p. m.—Registration.

4 p. m.—Roll Call of Churches, Kenneth Kingman, Oneonta Church, presiding.

4:45 p. m.—Address, Rev. James L. Barton, Boston. "The Awakening of Youth Across the World."

5:05 p. m.—Rev. Robert W. Gammon, Chicago. "The Ideal Relationship of Youth and Adults."

5:30 p. m.—Devotional Service. Rev. John Gardner, Riverside.

6 p. m.—Intermission.

6:30 p. m.—Banquet. Horace Hinckley, Redlands, presiding. Mr. Chas. E. Wolfe, leader of singing. "All We Are One," by representatives of various racial groups. Tickets 50 cents.

8 p. m.—Play. "The Alabaster Box," by Redlands Young People, in the Church.

Sunday, May 8

9:30 a. m.—Worship Period. In charge of the Church of Messiah, Los Angeles.

10 a. m.—Classes. Leaders: Miss Helen C. Babson, "The Challenge of World Brotherhood in the World Today." Miss Sarah E. Bundy, "Methods and Ideals for the Furtherance of World Brotherhood." Mr. W. G. Pierce, "What Are the Marks of a World Christian?"

11 a. m.—Church Service. Sermon by Rev. Herbert C. Ide. Subject, "Sirs, What If I Turned Christian?"

2:30 p. m.—Group Meetings. Devotional, led by Natalie Waterman, Church of Messiah, Los Angeles. Recreational and Membership, Ernest Hobbs, president, League of Youth, San Bernardino. Program and Study, Gordon Walker, Mt. Hollywood Church, Los Angeles. Service, Donald Myers, First Church, Los Angeles.

3:45 p. m.—Vesper Service. At Kimberly Crest, Professor Raymond C. Brooks, leading.

Monday, May 9

11 a. m.—Addresses to Ministers and Others. Rev. James L. Barton, Boston, "The New National and Racial Movements Toward Christianity." Rev. Robert W. Gammon, Chicago, "The Present Status of Religious Education."

12:15 to 2 p. m.—Luncheon and Conference of Pastors and Church School Workers. Professor C. N. Hand, in charge.

General Topic: "Work and Wages in the Republic of God"

2 p. m.—Organization. Appointment of committees.

2:15 p. m.—Worship. Conducted by Rev. A. D. Stauffacher, Claremont.

2:45 p. m.—Address. Rev. James L. Barton, Boston, "The American Board's Responsibility to Mohammedanism."

3:15 p. m.—Address. Rev. Robert W. Gammon, Chicago, "Our Relationship to the Changing World Order."

3:45 p. m.—Open Forum for Discussion of the Addresses and "Our Conference Relations to Our National and International Societies." Rev. Frank B. Dyer, Wilshire Boulevard Church, Los Angeles.

4:30 p. m.—Recess. Registration and assignments for entertainment.

5 p. m.—Vesper Service (Church Auditorium). Rev. Herbert C. Ide, Redlands, presiding. Organ Prelude, "Sursum Corda" (Elgar). Invocation. Hymn 62, "Lord of All Being." Sermon, Rev. Perry F. Schrock, Santa Ana; subject, "Living with God." Hymn 467, "Break, Thou, the Bread of Life." The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Rev. D. T. Thomas, Pasadena; Rev. Paul A. Davies, Santa Barbara. Offering for Ministerial Relief. Hymn 452, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord." Benediction.

6 to 7:45 p. m.—Banquet. Mr. Charles E. Spaulding, presiding. In banquet hall of Baptist Church, across street on Olive Avenue.

7:45 p. m.—Evening Session (Church Auditorium). Organ Prelude, "Fantasie in E Flat" (St. Saens). Anthem, "Remember, O Lord, Thy Tender Mercies" (Woodman).

8 p. m.—Moderator's Address. Mr. Charles E. Spaulding, Los Angeles. Offering for Conference expenses of Annual Meeting.

8:15 p. m.—Address. "The Dynamic of New Ideals as Demonstrated in the World Life Today." Rev. James L. Barton, Boston.

9 p. m.—Adjournment.

Tuesday, May 10

9 a. m.—Conference Reports and Plans. Moderator, Mr. Charles E. Spaulding. Treasurer, Mr. Fred M. Wilcox. Extension Secretary, Rev. Paul B. Waterhouse. Superintendent and Registrar, Rev. George F. Kenngott.

10:15 a. m.—Worship. Conducted by Rev. A. D. Stauffacher, Claremont.

10:45 a. m.—The Committees (Written reports limited to five minutes each). Benevolence, Rev. J. H. Hutchins, Pasadena. Education, Rev. Luther Freeman, Pomona. A. M. A., Orientals and Indians, Dean E. C. Norton, Claremont. Finance and Real Estate, Rev. A. P. Davis, Claremont. Ministerial Relief, Rev. Chester Ferris, Chula Vista. Missionary Grants, Rev. John B. Toomay, Ontario. Women's Missionary Society of Southern California, Mrs. James H. Lash, Los Angeles. Mexican Missions, Rev. C. E. Crawford, Ontario.

11:30 a. m.—Open Forum for Discussion of the Reports and "Our Conference Work." Rev. Lawrence A. Wilson, San Diego.

12 m.—Memorial Service. Rev. E. C. Collins by Rev. T. L. Dyer. Rev. John H. Cooper by Rev. John L. Maile. Rev. August Drahms by Rev. H. F. Burr. Rev. Edgar R. Fuller by Rev. A. S. Donat. Rev. D. D. Mitchell by Rev. E. Ellsworth Smith. Rev. Geo. Soper by Rev. Luther Freeman. Rev. J. E. Storm by Rev. J. D. Eaton.

12:30 p. m.—Luncheon. Presbyterian Church, one block north. "The Rural Church," Rev. H. V. Hartshorn, presiding.

1:30 p. m.—Business Meetings of the District Associations. Los Angeles, Church Auditorium. San Bernardino, Y. W. C. A. Parlors, across the street. San Diego, Primary Room in Chapel. Kern, Church House, 18 West Olive Avenue.

PILGRIM PLACE IN CLAREMONT

As a denomination we have been more distinguished by independent action than by what we do collectively. This has led to some noble achievements but has resulted in neglect to do many things essential in "bearing one another's burdens." One of these has been laxness in providing for veterans in the service of the churches.

Our best business corporations now make provision so that those who give life work are provided for in old age, or if laid aside while in service.

Some of our sister denominations, even less prosperous than we, have surpassed us in caring for their honored servants. We can, however, take some satisfaction that we are now trying to be as thoughtful and Christian as the so-called "soulless corporations."

One of the organizations which is helping in a very commendable way is Pilgrim Place in Claremont. It has a beautiful site of twenty acres in the city of Claremont, the home of Pomona College, with ideal physical and social surroundings. It now has ten comfortable buildings furnishing homes for ministers, missionaries, teachers from our Christian schools and other servants of the churches.

These are all now occupied, but some only require to remain for a short time for recuperation. We therefore want all the readers of The Pacific to know about Pilgrim Place and to tell their friends, so that they may apply if a residence would add to their well-being.

We want, too, that the friends should know that additional buildings and equipment are greatly needed, and especially a central building with adequate accommodations for dining room and social purposes, and funds for developing and beautifying the grounds.

The organization is heartily endorsed by the National Congregational Council, the Conferences of California, North and South, and other state conferences. It is worthy of gifts from all who love our churches and their workers, and is a commendable object to be remembered in bequests large and small.

All who may be interested are asked to communicate with the secretary of Pilgrim Place in Claremont or with Rev. William Ewing of the Extension Committee, Claremont, Calif.

NATIONAL COUNCIL

Herewith follows the list of delegates to the National Council and others who will go together on Pullman car No. 207, train No. 26, Union Pacific, leaving here May 22, 6:05 p. m., for Omaha: Mr. Fred M. Wilcox, Treasurer of S. C. C. C.; Rev. George F. Kenngott, superintendent of S. C. C., and Rev. Paul B. Waterhouse, extension secretary of S. C. C. C.; Mrs. Eliza G. Hill, National City; *Rev. W. A. Schwimley, Escondido; *Dr. and Mrs. J. H. McElhinney, Chula Vista; Mrs. W. J. Pell, Claremont; Rev. A. D. Stauffacher, Claremont; *Rev. H. C. Ide, Redlands; *Prof. and Mrs. E. C. Norton, Claremont, and *Mrs. H. F. Lamson, San Bernardino. *Rev. F. B. Dyer, one of the delegates, expects to drive.

"Christianity," says Dr. Potter, president of the American Board, "is not wholly foreign anywhere, thanks to our modern missionary enterprise. Yet, God forgive us, Christianity is not wholly at home anywhere yet."

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NEWS FROM KERN COUNTY

Kern County with its eleven churches, including the Chinese Mission, is holding its semi-annual association meeting at the Panama Church on April 29 and 30. Definite progress is being made by each of the churches. Rev. J. C. Spencer of Wasco is doing considerable civic work and has recently accepted the postion of boy scout commissioner for his section of the county.

Rev. A. S. Donat has culminated a busy three months with Easter services which taxed the beautiful First Congregational Church of Bakersfield to the utmost. A group of twenty members was received into the church with more to follow.

As much of the regular work in the oil fields has been suspended, Rev. A. K. Gleason of Oil Center has found time to assist to a considerable extent the work which is being conducted by Rev. James H. Price at Oildale. A group of seven members was received into the church at Oildale on Easter Sunday, and music was furnished by the Young People's Choir, which has an enrollment of 28 boys and girls of high school and college age.

Under the leadership of Rev. James H. Price, Pilgrim Church of East Bakersfield is working toward a series of four goals, which they hope to attain this year. The first was an enrollment in the Sunday School of 150, and by March 1 it was found that the registration had passed the 300 mark. The next goal was the raising of money for a new building, and such progress is reported that May 1 has been designated at groundbreaking day. The next goal for which this church is striving is that of a membership of 100. This is to be followed by an effort to bring the church to complete self support, including the full benevolence apportionment.

KERN ASSOCIATION MEETING

The 22nd annual meeting of the Kern Association was held with the Panama Church, Rev. James Greer, pastor, April 29 and 30, beginning on Friday at 2:30 p. m., Mr. W. S. Grandy, moderator, presiding. Practically all of the pastors participated in the program, Revs. A. K. Gleason of Oil Center, J. H. Price of Oildale and Pilgrim, E. A. Waldo of Shafter, A. S. Donat of First Church, Bakersfield; J. Freelan Johnson of Maricopa; Revs. Burton Y. Neal and W. T. Dawson, former pastors, together with Rev. George F. Kenngott and Rev. Paul B. Waterhouse. The meetings were well attended and altogether profitable.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM (Continued)

2:30 p. m.—Conference Session. 1—Call to Order. 2—Consideration of Recommendations in Reports of Officers and Committees. 3—Election of Moderator. 4—Report of Nominating Committee and Election of Officers and Committees. 5—Report of Resolutions Committee. 6—Report of Business Committee. 7—Pilgrim Place in Claremont; Rev. Luther Freeman. 8—State Church Federation. 9—Council of Religious Education. 10—Place of next meeting. 11—Other Items Suggested from the Floor. 12—Adjournment.

5 p. m.—Auto Ride, "Seeing Redlands." Courtesy, Chamber of Commerce.

6 p. m.—Dinner. First Methodist Episcopal Church, across the street, corner East Olive and Cajon. "New Work in the Conference," Rev. E. P. Ryland, presiding.

7:15 p. m.—Evening Session, Church Auditorium. Organ Prelude, "Allegro Cantabile" (Widor). Invocation. Anthem, "Hallelujah, O Praise Ye the Lord" (Frauck). Hymn.

7:45 p. m.—Addresses. "What Ails Our Youth?" Rev. Robert W. Gammon, Chicago. Offering for Conference Expenses of Annual Meeting. "What Ails Maturity?" Rev. Lloyd C. Douglas, Los Angeles.

9 p. m.—Adjournment

Wednesday, May 11

9 a. m.—Conference Business.

9:30 to 10:30 a. m.—Addresses. "The Youth Movement," by Rev. Allan A. Hunter, Los Angeles. "The Teaching Church," by Rev. Robert W. Gammon, Chicago. Discussion led by Dr. Gammon.

10:30 a. m.—Address and Open Forum on "Mexico and the Mexicans" by Rev. James L. Barton, Boston. The following will participate in the discussion: Revs. C. E. Crawford, H. C. Ide, A. D. Stauffacher, Lawrence A. Wilson and Mr. J. S. Edwards. Address, "Stand By," Rev. James L. Barton, Boston.

11:30 a. m.—Unfinished Business.

12 m.—Worship. Conducted by Rev. A. D. Stauffacher, Claremont.

12:30 p. m.—Adjournment.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

The Nineteenth Annual Session of the Southern California Interdenominational Summer School of Missions will be held at the First Congregational Church, 845 So. Hope St., Los Angeles, May 30 to June 3. Opening hour 9:30 a. m.

The Summer School of Missions offers an invaluable opportunity to acquire a more intelligent understanding of the perplexing problems of the day and a strengthened purpose to work for the extension of the Kingdom.

San Diego Chinese—The only Christian mission for the Chinese in San Diego was founded by Dr. Pond in 1897. It is situated at 645 First St., right on the edge of Chinatown. There is a chapel with a capacity of 100, and a five-room dormitory housing eight or ten boys. For thirty years this little Chinese mission has been practically the only contact with the Christian religion for all of the Chinese in San Diego. In China today there are scores of Chinese who have gone back carrying with them the influence of Christianity which they themselves received at this mission.

The present buildings are in very bad condition. The roof leaks and is too rotten to be repaired. It is unsanitary, inadequate and poorly equipped. A new plant with chapel, class rooms and dormitory, to cost $15,000, is now being planned. Already over $6,000 have been raised from American friends in San Diego. The Chinese are working on their campaign, and it is the hope that building operations will be started by the beginning of summer. It will mean a very great step forward in the work for the Chinese in San Diego.

SO. CALIFORNIA MISSIONARY SOCICETY MEETS

The annual meeting of the Southern California Congregational Women's Missionary Society attracted a large, interested and appreciative attendance at Bethel Congregational Church at Ontario, Rev. John B. Toomay, pastor, beginning Tuesday, April 26, at noon and closing Thursday, April 28, at noon. In the absence of the president, Mrs. James H. Lash, because of illness, Mrs. E. D. Gaylord presided. The program was varied, comprehensive and inspiring. The missionary zeal of the women of Southern California is discriminating and unflagging; their loyalty to Christ and His Church, unquestioned.

Dr. H. H. Kung, formerly principal of our Congregational Oberlin in Shansi School, China, himself a graduate of Oberlin, is the new minister of industry in the Canton government. He is a direct descendant of Confucius and a man of large property interests as well as deep Christian consecration. To dub him a Bolshevik is too absurd for contemplation. In such men as Dr. Kung lies the hope of China.

A cable from Constantinople dated March 26 indicates that permits have been secured from the Turkish government for the practice of medicine in that country by four young Congregational doctors: Lorrin Shepard, William Nute, Wilson Dodd, and Albert Dewey. This is unusually significant, as for some years no such permits have been given, although the doctors who were licensed before the Turkish revolution have been permitted to carry on. The American Board now has ten mission stations open, with ten schools, three hospitals, and much additional work.

At this time in China when foreigners, not excepting the missionaries, are being severely criticized, the view of the former minister of China in London and Washington, Dr. Wellington Koo, later minister of foreign affairs in Peking, is interesting. It is all the more significant because Dr. Koo does not consider himself a Christian. He says: "Nothing which individual Americans have done in China has more strongly impressed Chinese minds with the sincerity, the genuineness, the altruism of American friendship for China than the spirit of service and sacrifice so beautifully demonstrated by the American missionaries."

In calling for new recruits to go into the work conducted overseas by Congregationalists through the American Board, sixteen different sorts of professional workers are mentioned this year. This in itself indicates something of the scope of the work necessary to build a Christian world.

TEN WEEKS' TRIP TO JAPAN FOR $400

A wonderful summer vacation trip to the Orient for a very limited number of college and senior high school boys. The trip includes a climb to the top of the sacred Mt. Fuji, a steamer trip through the Inland Sea to Miyajima, one of the three most famous sights of Japan, visiting also the cities of Tokyo, Yokohama, Kyoto, Osaka, Kobe, and the historical shrines at Nara and Ise. Such a trip cannot be duplicated under ordinary conditions for twice that amount of money. The $400 includes all the necessary expenses except laundry.

The trip is educational in purpose, and every effort will be made to create better understanding and international good will.

The party is limited to twenty; ten American and ten second generation Japanese students who are members of our churches. Already a number of applications have been sent in. If you wish to join the party or desire further information in regard to it, write at once to Mr. Paul B. Waterhouse, 606 Spreckles Building, Los Angeles, Calif. The plan is to leave the last week in June returning the first or second week in September. The time is short, apply at once. Do not wait until it is too late.

The party will be under the direction of Mr. Waterhouse, and personally conducted by him. He has been a missionary in Japan for eight years, speaks the language fluently and knows the country well. This is a joint project of the Japanese Y. M. C. A. and the Southern California Congregational Conference, which has released Mr. Waterhouse from his other duties for this important work.

STANDARD FOR TEACHERS IN THE CHURCH SCHOOL

The Claremont School adopted the following standard as the aim of the Church School teachers for 1927:

1. Be present ten minutes before the session begins (to set an example, to greet the pupil, to create a devotional atmosphere.)
2. Give at least one and a half hours weekly to lesson preparation.
3. Teach as much as possible directly from the Bible, assisting the pupils to use it familiarly.
4. Secure balanced participation of pupils in class programs.
5. Be regular at Church School sessions and morning Church services.
6. Seek personal contact with pupils.
7. Secure additional training in one of the following ways: (a) Standard Community Training School; (b) five-day leadership in training school; (c) Idyllwild Summer School for two weeks; (d) study three or more books during the year; (e) read magazines on regilious education.
8. Seek to know pupil's home and community life.
9. Study to discover progress in Biblical knowledge, right attitudes and right conduct.

Twenty-eight of the institutions of the A. M. A.—part of our homeland missionary activity—are revenue producing in part, i. e., schools, colleges and hospitals. These had a combined budget last year of $838,000. Of this amount 26 per cent comes from the gifts of Congregational churches, 22 per cent comes from trust funds given largely by Congregational Christians, and 52 per cent comes from the people in whose interest the work is carried on. The Lord helps them that help themselves; we are glad to be found true to the same principles.